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# MINUTES

OF THE

# Organization

OF THE

## Chickasaw County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## VAN VLEET BAPTIST CHURCH

Chickasaw County, Mississippi

November 7, 1919

### OFFICERS

Moderator, WAYNE ALLISTON, Houston, Miss.
Clerk, J. S. PRICE, Okolona, Miss.
Treasurer, R. L. ASHBY, Van Vleet, Miss.

Next sessisn to be held at a place to be designated by the executive committee Thursday after the first Sunday in October, 1920. Annual Sermon to be preached by W. A. Gaugh, Wayne Alliston, alternate.

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WAYNE ALLISTON.....Houston, Miss.
J. H. FORD.....Houston, Miss.
W. A. GAUGH.....Okolona, Miss.
J. S. PRICE.....Okolona, Miss.
R. L. ASHBY.....Van Vleet, Miss.

## PROCEEDINGS

Messengers from the following Baptist churches of Chickasaw county met at Van Vleet, Miss., Nov. 7, 1919 for the purpose of organizing The Chickasaw County Association.

HOUSTON—Messengers: Rev. Wayne Alliston, G. D. Riley, S. D. Goza, J. H. Ford, Mrs. E. E. Thornton, Mrs. Idell Goza, Mrs. R. G. Winter, Mrs. B. M. Smith and Mrs. Cora Ward.

MT. OLIVE—Messengers: L. T. Sullivan and George Cauley.

OKOLONA—Messengers: Rev. W. A. Gaugh, E. Usher, Mrs. E. Usher and J. S. Price.

SOUTH OKOLONA—Messengers: M. L. Abernethy and Mrs. M. L. Abernethy.

VAN VLEET—Messengers: R. L. Ashby, Fleto Smith and J. P. Park.

The house was called to order by J. S. Price who stated the object of the meeting and asked for the election of a temporary chairman. J. S. Price was elected temporary chairman and J. H. Ford temporary clerk.

The following resolutions were read by G. D. Riley and adopted:

Whereas at the seventy-sixth annual meeting of the Aberdeen Association assembled at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Oct. 8, 1919, the said Aberdeen Association did vote unanimously to disband so as to

allow the churches belonging to it to join county associations of their respective counties where they had already been organized and to go into the organization of county associations where they had not been formed.

Therefore be it resolved, by the messengers of the Baptist churches of Chickasaw county assembled at Van Vleet, Miss., this the 7th day of November, 1919, that the said messengers do here and now go into the organization of The Chickasaw County Association.

On motion of W. A. Gaugh a committee on Constitution and By-Laws, the same to be a committee on nomination of officers for permanent organization, was appointed as follows:

W. A. Gaugh, Wayne Alliston, G. D. Riley, M. L. Abernethy and R. L. Ashby.

The said committee retired for a short time and then made the following report:

We your committee on Constitution and By-Laws submit the following:

## CONSTITUTION

ART. I. This body shall be known as the Chickasaw County Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of delegates duly elected by regular Missionary Baptist Churches located in Chickasaw County.

ART. III. Each church shall be entitled of three delegates; churches having over one hundred members to three, and one additional delegate to every fifty members over the first hundred.

ART. IV. This body shall have no jurisdiction over the churches; nor shall it act as counsel in the adjustment of church troubles of any kind.

ART. V. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of missions, Sunday Schools, church development, education, temperance and benevolence.

ART. VI. The officers of this body shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. These shall be elected by ballot. Nominations may or may not be made, as the body may desire.

ART. VII. The duties of these officers shall be such as are usually assigned to them in deliberative bodies of this kind.

ART. VIII. This body shall appoint at each session an Executive Board, consisting of five members, who shall be exofficio members of the next session, which board shall be charged with the mission and educational work of the body, as directed by the Association in annual session.

ART. IX. This body may also appoint a competent Historian and Statistician, whose duty it shall be to gather such data as may be reliable as to the history of the churches within our bounds from their organization, together with the life and labor of the pioneer preachers who have so nobly labored in planting the cause of Christ, many of whom now rest from their labor, and their works do follow them.

ART. X. There shall be no public collections taken at any meetings of the Association, except by a vote of the majority of the delegates present.

ART. XI. This Constitution may be changed by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the body.

ART. XII. That we send a messenger each year to the Southern Baptist Convention and defray the expenses of said messenger.

We submit the following nominations of officers of the association for permanent organization:

Wayne Alliston, Moderator; J. S. Price, Clerk; R. L. Ashby, Treasurer.

Executive Committee: W. A. Gaugh, Wayne Alliston, J. H. Ford, J. S. Price and R. L. Ashby.

Member of the State Board: Wayne Allliston.

Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention: W. A. Gaugh.

Next meeting day: Thursday and Friday after the first Sunday in October, 1920. The place of the next meeting to be fixed by the executive committee.

The report of the committee was adopted.

W. A. Gaugh made a motion that the executive committee be instructed to select places and arrange programs for Fifth Sunday Meetings after the fifth Sunday in November.

The motion was discussed by W. A. Gaugh, G. D. Riley, J. H. Ford, Dr. R. B. Gunter, and adopted.

A motion was carried making it the duty of the clerk of the association to preserve a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the association each year, which shall be of standard size, and turn same over to his successor to be preserved as a matter of permanent record. The motion also requested each church to adopt some systematic method of preserving the minutes of the association as a matter of permanent record.

A motion requesting Dr. R. B. Gunter, who represented the State Board in the $75,000,000 campaign, to address the association carried.

Following the address of Dr. Gunter a motion carried unanimously putting the association on record as heartily endorsing the $75,000,000 campaign and pledging hearty support.

G. D. Riley, W. A. Gaugh, J. H. Ford, M. L. Abernethy and J. S. Price spoke in favor of the resolution.

On motion of G. D. Riley the clerk was instructed to find out how much money would be required to print the minutes of the association and write each church of the county requesting them to send their prorata.

J. H. Ford offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

That the clerk be authorized to write all the Baptist churches of Chickasaw county telling them that they may be admitted to membership in the association by sending a petitionary letter to the clerk asking for admission. The same to be acted upon by the executive committee. (This motion was made because it was known that several churches had elected messengers who could not come because of the inclemant weather and it was thought they would take advantage of this opportunity to join before the next annual meeting of the association.)

On motion of G. D. Riley the association expressed by rising vote its hearty appreciation of the courteous treatment shown it by the Van Vleet Baptist church and especially for the good dinner prepared by the ladies.

There being no further business the association adjourned to meet Thursday after the first Sunday in October, 1920, at a place to be designated by the executive committee.

# First Annual Session

of the

# Chickasaw County Baptist Association

1920

# MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chickasaw County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

THE HOULKA BAPTIST CHURCH

Chickasaw County, Miss., October 7th and 8th, 1920

OFFICERS

J. S. PRICE, Moderator.....Okolona, Miss.
W. J. STACY, Clerk.....Houlka, Miss.
D. E. DAVIS, Treasurer.....Houston, Miss.

The next session will be held with Friendship Church, Thursday after the Second Sunday in Sept. 1921, begnning at 10 o'clock, A. M. Introductory Sermon, S. P. Andrews; Alternate, W. A. Gaugh.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Reading church letters and enrolling delegates.
4. Reorganization.
5. Appoint committee on religious service.
6. Appoint other committes.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Recognize visiting brethern.
9. Reports of committees.
   - — 1 On nominations.
   - — 2 On associational missions.
   - — 3 Of executive board.
   - — 4 On Sabbath and Sabbath schools.
   - — 5 On State, Home and Foreign Missions.
   - — 6 On Education.
   - — 7 On temperance.
   - — 8 On publication.
   - — 9 On ministerial relief.
   - —10 On orphans home.
   - —11 On obituraries.
   - —12 On woman's work.

NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

10. Resolutions.
11. Treasurer's report.
12. Adjournment.

## MINUTES OF CHICKASAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Chickasaw County Baptist Association met with the Houlka Baptist Church in its first annual session October the 7th, 1920.

Called to order by J. S. Price. Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Hamp Winter. After which the body went into the election of officers, which was as follows: J. S. Price, Moderator; W. J. Stacy, Clerk, and D. E. Davis, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and the following Churches responded: Hebron, Parkersburg, Friendship, Arbor Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Bethel, Center Hill, Providence and Unity. Said churches and their messengers were enrolled.

The committee on divine service announced that Rev. R. A. Kimbrough would preach the annual sermon, the appointee, W. A. Gaugh, being absent. The discourse was well received by the attentive audience.

Adjournd to meet at one thirty, P. M.

A bountiful repast was served in the grove near the church.

### EVENING SESSION.

The body was called together by song service.

ENROLLMENT

ARBOR GROVE—By Letter.

BETHEL—By Letter.

CENTER HILL—D. C. Chennault, W. B. McNorton and wife.

FRIENDSHIP—T. D. Wendsett, H. H. Huddleston; and H. E. Penick.

HEBRON—J. T. Lyon and wife, Miss Blanche Peterson.

HOULKA—Mrs. Alice Wade, J. G. Lester, Mrs. Eurice Walker, Mrs. Mallie Grimes, J. W. Hamilton.

HOUSTON—D. E. Davis, G. D. Riley, M. D. Howard, B. M. Smith, D. W. Jean, S. D. Goza, J. H. Ford, R. C. Kirby.

MT. OLIVE—J. B. Sullivan, R. L. Carley, J. J. Hill, Sam Jolly.

OKOLONA—J. E. Vice, J. S. Price and wife, E. Usher and wife, Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.

PARKERSBURG—H. D. Ray, W. W. Terry, T. W. Foster.

PLEASANT GROVE—B. E. Ellison, D. H. Crawford, J. C. Ross.

PLEASANT RIDGE—B. C. Lancaster, M. T. Springer, W. E. Griffin, D. D. Dendy.

PROVIDENCE—R. L. Brand and wife, J. H. Tolbert, J. F. Woodruff, J. H. Couch, W. L. Colbert.

SOUTH OKOLONA—M. L. Abernethy and wife.

SHILOH—G. C. Davis, O. P. Foster, W. R. Pannell, Mrs. W. E. Davis.

UNITY—Mrs. May Aston, Mrs. Dora Logan, C. W. Watson.

VAN VLEET—L. O. Smith, J. M. Nean, S. F. Smith, Miss Elna Ray, Mrs. W. F. Davis.

WOODLAND—R. L. White and wife, J. R. Trowick.

The following reports were presented:
State Missions, by J. S. Price.
Home Missions, by S. P. Andrews.
Foreign Missions, by M. W. Weaver.

### State Missions

Our State Mission work by order of the Convention is divided into the following departments: (1) Church Extension, embracing pastors support and church building; (2) Enlistment and Associational Mission work; (3) Sunday School work; (4) B. Y. P. U. work; (5) Publications; (6) Preachers Schools; (7) Educational Mission work; (8) Social Service. In addition to this there is assigned to the Convention Board and our State Mission forces the task of putting on all denominational programs launched by the Convention, keeping the 75 Million Campaign prominently before our churches and receiving, distributing and accounting for all the funds given on the 75 Million Campaign.

Our work this year is laid out on a basis of $150,000 and the work being done by departments is as follows:

I. Church Extension. We are assisting 120

churches to pay their pastors, appropriating for this work $28,000. This is a considerable increase over anything we have ever done before. Under this department we are also helping to build 37 houses of worship and have appropriated $31,170 for this work. 12 of these churches which we are helping to build were blown away by the cyclone last spring.

II. Enlistment and Associational Mission Work. We have in the field six general enlistment missionaries, one in each of the six districts, and eighteen associational missionaries. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate the value of these men. Their task is the task assigned by the Master in the Great Commission. They are evangelists, teachers, pastors' helpers, church counsellors and general denominational servants. In the future the key work of their work will be evangelism, which indeed is the very heart of all mission work.

III. Sunday School Work. The work of our Sunday School Department has been very successful this year. Brother J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary, is assisted by Rev. S. G. Posey and Miss Minnie Brown. These workers have rendered most excellent service. In addition to the regular appointments and institutes held in local churches, they have conducted 35 county normals in which 518 diplomas and awards have been given. The key word in their work, as it is in all of our work, is evangelism. Wherever they have gone they have stimulated the evangelistic spirit and in many places have had number of conversions.

IV. W. M. U. Work. The Woman's Missionary Union, under the leadership of Miss M. M. Lackey, Cor. Sec'y. and Miss Fannie Traylor, Young Peoples' Leader, has had its greatest year of achievement. Three young women from the Training School have been teaching the W. M. U. Manual in the County Normals along with our Sunday School workers, and 143 Certificates have been given as a result of this work. "Evangelism" is the key note of the Personal Service of the W. M. U.

V. B. Y. P. U. Work. Brother Auber J. Wilds Field Secretary of our B. Y. P. U. work, has been making splendid progress. A large number of county B. Y. P. U. Conventions have been organized and,

in addition to the individual engagements and institutes held in local churches, Brother Wilds has taught classes at encampments and in county conventions. There is now a most excellent spirit and promise of great things in our B. Y. P. U. work.

VI. Preacher Schools. Six preacher schools were held last March, at Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Louisville, New Albany, Water Valley and Shelby. A most excellent program was carried out at each one of these schools and while the attendance was not large as it should have been, due to heather and road conditions,-they accomplished real and lasting good.

VII. Publications. Under the head of publications we have the Baptist Record and our tract department. There will be a special report on the Record, to which we refer you for detailed information. Our tract department is very important part of our work. A special room has been fitted up in the headquarters building for tracts and a large stock of denominational tracts dealing with the doctrines, ordinances and work of our Baptist People. Our headquarters office has distributed tons of these tracts this year. Any pastor or church or inidivdual can get them for the asking.

VIII. Educational Mission Work. The last State Convention instructed the Mission Board to put in the field a student secretary to work among Baptist students in the state institutions of learning. Rev. Norris Palmer, a graduate of Mississippi College and a young man of splendid endowments, was selected and has accepted the position. It will be his task to organize for Baptist kingdom work our Baptist boys and girls in our state colleges. The Y. M. C. A. has assumed to take charge of them and to train them for inter-church and no-church movements. Present world conditons demand that we push this work.

IX. Work Among Negroes and Indians. We are also doing work among the negroes, holding Bible institutes for their preachers and assisting in the payment of a field missionary. In addition to this we help pay the theological professor at Jackson College. We have also a full-fledged Indian missionary working among the Choctaws. This is in ad-

diton to the work which is being done by the Home Mission Board. We are working in closest co-operation with this Board.

X. Evangelistic Campaign. We want to call special attention to our evangelistic campaign which is a part of our enlistment and educational mission work. In the campaign this year we have had the most enthusiastic co-operation of the churches and pastors. Out of the 1600 churches in Mississippi we had listed in our office 1200 meetings. When we remember that at least 200 of our town and city churches hold their meetings in the fall and winter, it will be seen that we had meetings listed this year from practically every church in the state. Up to September 1st we had received reports from 558 meetings, which showed 7068 additions. Taking this as a guide, the campaign should result in over 12,000 additions to the churches. Never before in our history have we been able to make such a showing as this. The Lord be praised.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That our State Mission work be kept before our people; that our pastors preach on it; that tracts be distributed among the members and the Baptist Record, which is a part of our work and which carries information concerning State Mission work, be put in the homes of the members either on the club plan or on the budget plan.

2. That our churches be requested to consider the advisability of co-operating with one another in the formation of fields so that more efficient pastoral work may be done in the country districts.

3. That wherever possible country churches should consider the advisability of building pastors homes and locating their pastors among them.

4. That we commend the evangelistic campaign as conducted this year by the State Convention Board and recommend that a similar campaign be carried on each year.

5. We recommend that evangelism be made the key word in all of our enlistment and denominational work and that whatever we do shall revolve around the larger primary task reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ.

6. We suggest that our pastors call attention

to our work among Baptist students in State institutions, urging upon the Baptist young men and women who attend these institutions to co-operate with our student secretary in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Price, R. L. White, J. C. Ross.

### Home Missions

Your committee on Home Missions rejoice to note that during the year Southern Baptists have had a phenominal growth in numbers and in giving The Home Board is doing a marvelous work along evangelistic lines. The centers of population in the South furnish a fine field for this sort of work. The Home Board is to assist the state workers in the organization of churches and Sunday Schools, to aid weak churches in building suitable houses of worship, in supporting pastors, and training schools for the poor, especially in the mountain sections. This Board also has charge of the Indian, Cuban and Panama work. Baptists are being recognized as never before. The world is looking to us for the whole truth. We have a most wonderful and glorious history. We are the only religious people on earth whose history bridges every chasm of time to Christ and the Apostles. We have suffered the most bitter persecution and while hills and valleys have been reddened by the blood of Baptists martyrs, yet we have ever counted it a joy to be deemed worthy to suffer for the blood-bought principles of our Faith. Brethern, religious liberty is a trophy of the Baptists, through their teachings this great blessing has come to the nations of the earth. Remember the words of Jesus, who said, "Go teach all nations." He said also to one whom he had saved, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Let Baptists cooperate as never before, making good every pledge.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five percent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far outstripping that of any other

similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its Enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Recently the Board has also far surpassed its own fine record. Within the last seven years of its history of seventy-five years its missionaries have baptized 94.5 per cent as many converts as were baptized in the first sixty-eight years.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its Annual Meeting in Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the bretheren of the Board found that $2,875,000 was necessary for the work of the present year. Even with this appropriation, it had to decline many worthy appeals to enter wide open doors.

We commend our board for its faith and vision in grapling the stupendous tasks that now confront us and in believing that our people will respond to such leadership. We recommend that constant prayers be made for the Board, for its missionaries and for its work, and that we give it large and sustained support through our gifts to the 75 Million Campaign.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superintendents, mission society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Board gladly furnishes on request.

The executive officer of the Board is Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga. For tracts, books, information, etc., address Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submtted,

S. P. Andrews, J. J. Hill, D. D. Dendy.

## Foreign Missions

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches on foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches. 6,834 were baptised during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438. These native churches contributed last year $242,460, which represents a gift of $4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared with the percapita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May, 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave $6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 544 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends:—They offer a fertile field of direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders.. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the Gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and sent the message into many a home which might have remained closed but for the effective medical missionary.

The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great Board. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were

pledged on these foreign lands. The blessed encouragement that the success of our Campaign has brought to our foreign missionaries who represent us at the front should give great satisfaction to all who had a worthy share in the campaign at home. It should make us resolve to meet our pledges fully that those dear workers in the far lands may be strenghtened in their glorious tasks. Let every church and individual adopt careful plans for the collection of all pledges and more, that there may be no lack.

Sixty-five new missionaries were appointed this year. A large percentage of these will go to China and Japan.

Thus the work grew under the favor of God. We see how it expands and we rejoice. Shall we not make His praise even more glorious by pressing forward now in the great day of our great advantage until "the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

W. W. Weaver, Chas. Nelson, J. W. Hamilton.

These reports were adopted after being discussed by Bretheren J. S. Price, S. P. Andrews, M. W. Weaver, W. J. Stacy and R. A. Kimbrough.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION

Bro. C. H. Nelson presented the following report on Christian Education:

### Christian Education

Your committee begs leave to report that Education is an intangible thing but is a great influence and power. The old saying "there is nothing new under the sun" applies to Christian Education for as early as in the days of the Children of Israel, David greatly desired to build a place where the people might gather together to learn. The great job of erecting this building was denied him but, from a modern standpoint, the privilege he had of gathering the money and material for its erection was more important than seeing the actual building under construction, for it is an easy matter to build after the funds are provided.

Organizations for promoting the cause of religion among Baptists began early in the nineteenth century. As the church-

es grew, there was brought to mind the need of Christian Education so that at the present time there are two hundred ninty-eight Baptist institutitions of learning in the United States, with 75,723 students, which is more than is enrolled in any other denomination.

In the South, there are twenty-one standard christian colleges and as many more junior colleges or academies. The Southern Baptists' program calls for the enrollment of thirty-five thousand new students in these schools within the next five years. In our own State, there are four, the latest being Blue Mountain College, none of which are sufficiently large to take care of the boys and girls who desire to obtain a Christian Education. So we must never let up until there is room to spare in each and all of our schools. In other words, the Baptists of Mississippi must give more and more of time, money and talent towards Christian Education until our schools will care for comfortably and satisfactorily every person in the state who wants an education at a Baptist school.

Within the next five years Mississippi Baptists propose to put into their schools approximately One Million Dollars, and to take care of an annual enrollment of from fifteen hundred to two thousand pupils.

There can be no question or doubt as to the propriety of a Christian Education for in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 we read:

"And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up". And in Proverbs 22:6 we find:

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. STOVALL, For Committee.

Discussed by Bretheren C. H. Nelson, J. S. Price and Rev. Tulley. Adopted as read.

After song service Dr. R. A. Kimbrough delivered a splendid discourse from Eph. 2:8.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

## FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Devotional by Eld. Carmack, Subject, Prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on nominations: C. H. Nelson, D. D. Dendy, E. Usher, J. H. Ford, and R. A. Kimbrough.

The following report on Orphans Home was read by Bro. W. P. Winter:

## Orphanage Report

For twenty years or more the Baptists of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless orphan children, believeing this to be a Christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the Orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the Orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the $75,000,000 movement, that the people of our churches and Sunday schools in this association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in an abundance.

I am informed by the Superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than they have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year, they have just passed through an epidemic of small pox, but by intelligent care and good management, only about sixteen out of one hundred and sixty children had the samll pox, they are all well and sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let each church in this association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

Discussed by W. P. Winter, C. H. Nelson, Rev. Tulley, Rev. Carmack, S. P. Andrews and R. A. Kimbrough. Report adopted.

J. H. Ford presented the following report on Hospital work:

## Hospital Report

We, your committee on Hospitals, beg leave to report that the members of this association are directly interested in two hospitals, the Baptist Tri-State Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. and the Baptist State Hospital at Jackson Miss., to the establistment of which so many of our number contributed of our means as well as our influence.

These great institutions are worthy of our pride. They stand as monuments of the denominational and religious devotion of Southern Baptists of this section, and as places of refuge for the weary, sick and suffering whether of our denomination or not. There the sick of the poorest are cared for w.thout money or price.

One of the dormitories of the Hospital at Jackson was recently destroyed by fire resulting in a loss to the denomination of about $10,000. We are not informed whether this loss was covered by insurance but it will be taken care of with the $75,000,000 fund and we trust this loss may soon be supplied as the building is indespensible.

No cause could be more worthy of our support and influence than that of these institutions. They are ours. We must see that they lack nothing that we can supply.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Woodruff, J. H. Ford.

Discussed by J. H. Ford and R. A. Kimbrough. Adopted.

W. J. Stacy presented the following report on Sunday Schools.

## Sunday School Report

As we see it the Sunday School is a Bible teaching and training school. In His great commission Christ said to teach the disciples to observe all things that he had commanded.

We believe in our own denominational Sunday School work Each Baptist church in our association should maintain a Sunday School with the best teachers to be had, and we would especially urge training of teachers in the Sunday Schools.

It is very necessary that each Baptist church should organize and maintain a Sunday School, and more especially the churches that only have preaching service once or twice each month.

The teaching function is a part of the divine program for every church. Therefore teach His word.

W. J. STACY.

Discussed by Bretheren W. J. Stacy, I. B. Tigret, J. S. Price and W. W. Weaver. Adopted. Noon.

**Sunday School Table**

| CHURCH | S. S. Supt. | P. O. | No. Pupils | Officers | Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friendship..... | H. H. Huddleston | Houston..... | 50 | 7 | 32 |
| Houston..... | T. D. Rowlett..... | Houston..... | 170 | 17 | 95 |
| Houlka..... | W. J. Stacy..... | Houlka..... | 195 | 17 | 125 |
| Hebron..... | J. T. Lyon..... | Egypt..... | 65 | 6 | 22 |
| Mt. Olive..... | J. J. Hill..... | Okolona.... | 50 | 4 | 15 |
| Okolona..... | A. T. Stovall..... | Okolona.... | 106 | 16 | 98 |
| Pleasant Ridge... | W. N. Goldston... | Woodland.. | ..... | 7 | 25 |
| Providence..... | W. M. Beckham.. | Trebloc..... | ..... | 6 | ..... |
| Shiloh..... | O. P. Foster..... | Troy..... | 80 | 6 | 34 |
| Van Vleet..... | W. F. Davis..... | Van Vleet.. | 40 | 4 | 25 |
| Woodland..... | E Shannon..... | Woodland.. | 134 | 9 | 99 |

## EVENING SESSION

Dr. R. A. Kimbrough read and discussed the following report on the Seventy-five Million Campaign.

### 75 Million Report

This is the first time in our history that we have undertaken so large a task. The first time we have put all our work before our churches in one budget.

It is a pleasure to report that the 75 million task set by Southern Baptists met with such a hearty response that $92,630,923 were pledged for the five year period, up to last May. There are two features of this great work needing our attention now. First, the securing pledges from churches and individuals who have not yet subscribed. These should not be overlooked and left out of our great denominational enterprises Second, the constant work of collections. It is so easy to forget and get behind in payments. Our second fifth of the amount pledged is due before April 30th. This is only six months. We have on a full round up, and urge every church to set a date in the near future for special payment time. The

seven objects represented in the seventy-five million budget are: State Missions, 19 per cent; Home Missions, 16 per cent; Foreign Missions, 26 per cent; Baptist Education Work, 28 per cent; Hospitals, 5 per cent; Orphanage, 4 per cent; Ministerial Relief, 1 per cent.

We recommend:

1. That each church have separate treasurer for this fund.

2. That each treasurer list each pledge in treasurer's book and keep the members notified at least three months of their standing as to payments.

3. That all treasurers of this fund make monthly or at furtherest intervals,quarterly remittances of all funds on hand to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Treasurer, Jackson, Miss.

4. That all who have pledged for monthly payments be careful to meet these monthly. That all who have yearly payments, try to meet these in the fall of the year, thus saving the various causes of large interest accounts.

Respectfully,

R. A. KIMBROUGH.

Adopted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

## Report on Nominations

Place for next meeting of the Association: Friendship Church, 7 miles west of Houston, Miss. Time of meeting: Thursday after the Second Sunday in September. Annual Sermon, S. P. Andrews, Alternate, W. A. Gaugh.

Messenger to Convention, C. L. Rhodes.

Member of State Board, J. S. Price.

Associational Executive Board: J. S. Price, Chairman, Okolona, Miss.; W. A. Gaugh, Okolona, Miss.; S. P. Andrews, Houlka, Miss.; J. H. Ford, Houston, Miss.; D. E. Davis, Houston, Miss.

Signed, C. H. Nelson, D. D. Dendy, J. H. Ford, E. Usher.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association: That the executive board be authorized to cooperate with some adjoining association in the employment of an associational missionary.

The following report on Denominational Literature was read by E. Usher:

## Report on Denominational Literature

To begin with the Bible should be in every home. It alone is the creed of the Baptists. Every child of God should read it daily. It is as important for our Spiritual development as food is for the development of our bodies. Next in importance is our Denominational Literature. The printed page gives time for calm, thoughtful consideration, and careful comparison, and thus becomes a mighty force in creating, moulding and fixing the belief, faith and ideals that decide character for time and for eternity. Therefore the necessity of a printed page based absolutely on the Word, sound to the core, before it is admitted to the family or community circles. "For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The denominational, religious and printed page is absolutely essential to a correct knowledge and perpetuation of denominational life and efficiency. We, your committee, would, therefore, recommend and urge that the churches in Chickasaw Association, pledge to the Baptist Record, our State official organ, their loyal and hearty patronage and support, and that the heads of families have the paper sent into their homes, and placed where their children can read it.

We further recommend that each family within the churches take and read the Home and Foreign Field, the Royal Service and the Orphanage Gem.

We also recommend that the Sunday Schools of our churches use the periodicals issued by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. Ballard, J. F. Tully, E. Usher.

Discussed by E. Usher and R. A. Kimbrough.
Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Huffstatler presented the following report on Temperance:

## Report on Temperance

We your committe on Temperance submit the following as our report:

This is no new subject but on the contrary it is one that has received more or less consideration down through the ages. The climax of all the efforts against intemperance has been reached in our own day in National Prohibition in the United States. In making the fight against this evil, we as christian people have had the assurance that God approved because we read from His word:

"Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging; whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." We are admonished to "be sober," "be not among wine bibbers", and "riotous eaters of flesh". "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty," and again we are warned against "giving thy neighbor drink". Many other passages might be mentioned.

We are all familiar with the tale of woe, misery, want, ruined lives, wrecked homes, and sorrows too numerous to mention that have followed in the wake of intemperance. We know too that there are those among us who would still make a political issue of this subject if they could only find some way to reopen the question. Among this number are those who are now saying "there is more whiskey now than ever before", and "it is better to have open saloons than to have so many blind tigers." Be not deceived. If prohibition gave us more whiskey all the whiskey interests would want prohibition.

Baptists have had a large share in making National prohibition an accomplished fact. Now that it is a fact we should also have a large share in law enforcement, for it is now clearly a matter of law enforcement. We believe it is the duty of every citizen, more especially christians, and particularly Baptists to abstain from strong drink and help enforce the law.

We therfore recommend that the Baptists of Chickasaw county cooperate with the officers of the law enforcement and whenever possible give information that may lead to the capture and breaking up of stills or the stamping out of this evil in whatever form it may show itself.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. ASHBY, Chairman.

Discussed by J. A. Huffstatler and J. S. Price.
Adopted.

The following report on Ministerial Relief was read and discussed by C. L. Rhodes:

## Report on Ministeral Relief.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should

receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian Organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith, the support they so richly deserve.

The new relief and Annuity Board of the S. S. Convention which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our state, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now paid bi-monthly instead of quarterly, as formerly, and are receiving from $12 to $18 per month.

This Board, besides providing a Relief Fund, has established an Annuity Fund. This fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit. It is well worth while for all our brethern in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

D. C. Chennault, J. M. Evans, C. L. Rhodes.

Adopted.

S. F. Smith read the following report on Obituaries:

## Report on Obituaries

Your committee begs leave to report that we have lost from our membership during this associational year twelve members. We regret their loss to us but thank our Heavenly Father that so few of our members have been called from us.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. Smith, W. P. Winter.

Adopted.

Mrs. R. W. Chandler made the following report on Woman's Work:

## Report on Woman's Work

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Chickasaw County Association held its first meeting with the Houlka Baptist church, October 8, 1920. Our work in this meeting was main-

ly that of organization and planning for the year's work.

Officers elected were:

Superintendent—Miss Mary Sue Thompson.
Asst. Superintendent—Mrs. R. W. Chandler.
Secretary—Mrs. J. H. Ford.
Mission Study Leader—Miss Fairy Goza.
Young People's Leader—Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.
Personal Service Leader—Mrs. J. C. Beasley.
Stewardship Leader—Mrs. J. C. Walker.

From the twenty-two churches in this association we have only four organized missionary societies, but from the number who met with us from the churches without organizations and from their eager attention, we believe there is interest which will result in many of them joining in the march of the missinary host as they go to the front in service for our Master.

This association has the honor of having the banner G. A's. in Mississippi. Miss Fannie Traylor, our state young people's leader was with us and her talk was indeed helpful and inspiring.

Mrs. C. Longest, vice-president of the third district, brought before us an ideal we hope to strive towards during this year. She also told us personally of the two young ladies we Baptist socities of Mississippi have in Blue Mountain College, preparing to enter a training school for missionary workers.

We also had Miss Birdie Lou Clark, a student of the Training School at Louisville. She brought a direct message to each one present and made us rejoice that we foster such a great work.

We earnestly desire your help and prayers.

Sincerely submitted,

Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Mrs. J. H Ford, Miss Mary Sue Thompson

Discussed by J. S. Price and Miss Traylor.

Adopted as read.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Whereas this Association has been so royally entertained by the Baptist Church and the people of Houlka and vicinity,

Be it Resolved that the messengers and visitors express their hearty apprecation to the Church of Houlka for its hospitality and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

The Association adjourned to meet with Friendship Church, September 15th, 1921.

J. S. PRICE, Moderator,
W. J. STACY, Clerk.

## Financial Exhibit, 1920

| CHURCHES | Value Church Property | Pastor's Salary | Visiting Ministers | 75 Million Budget | Orphans Home | Contributed by W. M. U. | Minute Fund | Other Objects |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arbor Grove | $ | $ | | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Bethel | | | | | | | | |
| Buena Vista | | | | | | | | |
| Center Hill | 325 | 75 | | | | | | |
| Friendship | 1500 | 100 | | 41 50 | 5 15 | 8 91 | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| Hebron | 600 | 150 | 25 00 | 200 00 | | 16 50 | 1 60 | 3 58 |
| Houlka | 12500 | 750 | 66 00 | | 50 00 | 800 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 |
| Houston | 12500 | 1800 | 145 00 | 3210 80 | | 100 00 | 6 25 | 7040 00 |
| Mt. Olive | 2100 | 350 | 25 85 | | | | 5 50 | 388 72 |
| Okolona | 16000 | 2000 | 504 00 | 1422 99 | | 85 00 | 2 10 | 30 00 |
| Parkersburg | 1250 | 200 | | | | | 10 00 | 201 97 |
| Pleasant Grove | 750 | 100 | 24 00 | 121 00 | | | 1 50 | |
| Pleasant Ridge | 1000 | | | | | | 2 50 | 2 00 |
| Providence | 500 | 200 | 30 00 | | | 10 00 | 4 00 | |
| Shiloh | 1250 | 125 | 31 50 | 81 50 | | | 2 00 | |
| South Okolona | 1200 | 100 | 41 00 | | | 10 00 | 1 00 | |
| Unity | | | | | | | 1 00 | 126 00 |
| Van Vleet | 2000 | 200 | 13 35 | 280 17 | | | 75 | |
| Woodland | 1000 | 150 | | 335 00 | | | 2 00 | 146 50 |
| | | | | | | | 2 50 | |

NOTE—Several of the churches made their financial reports o other associations before coming into our fellowship.—CLERK.

## STATISTICAL TABLE, 1920

| CHURCHES | PASTORS & ADDRESSES | CLERKS & ADDRESSES | Membership Last Year | Increase. | | | Decrease | | | Present Membership |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Baptism | Restoration | Letter | Death | Excluded | Letter | |
| Arbor Grove... | A. C. Ball, Mantee, R. F. D.. | W. H. Hardin, Houston RFD | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| ethel, | ..... ..... ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Buena Vista... | ..... ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Center Hill ... | W. W Weaver, Amory..... | W. M. Helms, Van Vleet..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Friendship..... | J. T. Sargent Calhoun City... | H. E. Penick, Vardaman..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 46 |
| Hebron..... | W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen..... | J. A. King, Egypt ..... | 80 | 2 | ... | 5 | ... | ... | 5 | 82 |
| Houlka ..... | S. P. Andrews, Houlka..... | I. N. Joyner, Houlka..... | 16 | 5 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 20 |
| Houston..... | ..... ..... ..... | W. A. Wilkinson. Houston.... | ..... | 17 | ... | 24 | 1 | ... | 14 | 151 |
| Mt. Olive ..... | C. H. Nelson, Shannon.. ..... | E. M. Sullivan, Okolona..... | 228 | 10 | ... | 24 | 3 | ... | 24 | 235 |
| Okolona..... | W. A. Gaugh, Okolona..... | J. S. Price, Okolona.. ..... | 64 | 5 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 72 |
| Parkersburg... | J. A Huffstatler Ecru. ..... | Mrs. W. W. Terry, Houston.. | 241 | 4 | ... | 22 | 2 | ... | 12 | 253 |
| PleasantGrove | J. L. Powell, Derma... ..... | J. W. Ellison, Woodland ..... | 58 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 52 |
| Pleasant Ridge | Tom Mitchell, Kilmichael..... | D. D. Dendy, Woodland..... | | 6 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 110 |
| Providence..... | W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen..... | J. L. Smith, McCondy..... | 148 | 17 | ... | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 167 |
| Shiloh.. ..... | J. A Huffstatler, Ecru.... .... | W. R. Pannell, Troy, R. F.D. | 100 | 5 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 105 |
| South Okolona | J. R. Mooneyhan, Blue Sp'gs | M. L. Abernethy, Okolona... | 65 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 65 |
| Unity... | C. L. Rhodes, Houlka, R. 3... | W. A. Winter, Houlka, R. 3. | 10 | 8 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| Van Vleet..... | S. P. Andrews. Houlka. .... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Woodland..... | ..... ..... | R. L. Ashby, Van Vleet ..... | 63 | 5 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 3 | 66 |
| | | J. P. Crosthwait, Woodland.. | ..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 73 |